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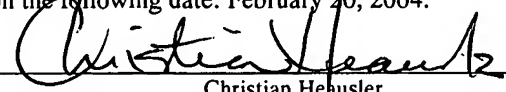
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NEW APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of:

Inventor(s): **DANIEL WATSON**

For: **THERMAL PROCESS FOR TREATING METALS TO IMPROVE
STRUCTURAL CHARACTERISTICS**

1. Type of Application

This new application is for a(n):

☒ Utility application.

The present application claims priority to co-pending U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/482,029 filed on June 24, 2003.

2. Papers Enclosed Which Are Required For Filing Date Under 37 CFR 1.53(b) (Regular) or 37 CFR 1.153 (Design) Application

10 Pages of specification

4 Pages of claims

1 Page of abstract

3 Sheets of ☒ informal or ☐ formal drawings (FIGS 1, 2, and 3)

3. **Declaration or Oath**

☒ Enclosed executed by inventor.

4. **Appointment of Domestic Representation**

☐ Enclosed executed by inventor.

5. **Non-publication Request under 35 U.S.C. § 122(b)(2)(B)(i)**

☒ Enclosed and signed in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.33(b).

6. **Language**

☒ English

7. **Postcard**

☒ A postcard is attached

8. **Fee Calculation (37 CFR 1.16)**

☒ Utility application

A. Number of claims as filed 23

B. Number of independent claims as filed 1

Filing Fee Calculation [$\$770 + [(A-20) \times \$18 + (B-3) \times \$86]$] \$ 824.00

9. **Small Entity Statement(s)**

☒ Applicant claims small entity under 37 CFR § 1.27.

Filing Fee Calculation (50% of above) \$ 412.00

10. **Fee Payment Being Made At This Time**

☒ Enclosed


☒ Basic filing fee \$ 412.00

Total fees enclosed \$ 412.00

11. **Method of Payment of Fees**

- [X] Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the \$412.00 filing fees and any other deficiencies associated with this filing to Deposit Account No. 50-1313 in the name of Buskop Law Group. A duplicate copy of this transmittal is attached.

Date: February 20, 2004


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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Daniel Watson

Serial No.: Not Assigned

Filed: Concurrently herewith

For: Thermal Process For Treating Metals Atty Dkt No.: 1157.05
To Improve Structural Characteristics

Group Art Unit: Not Assigned

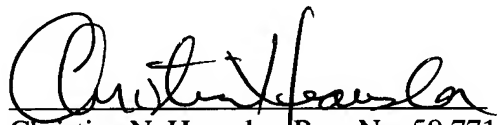
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